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Farther Diſcourſe of the Terms of Peace. Arguments againſt ſome unreaſonable Jealouſies lately ſuggeſted among us, of the Danger of German *Tyranny, and pulling down* France *too low.*

From Saturday, March 26. to Wednesday, March 30. 1709.

Obſ. HOW go Affairs with Relation to the Peace now, *Roger?* What do the laſt Mails bring concerning it?

Country-m. Nothing of Certainty, only they ſay, the *French* Court will attempt a ſecond Conference, and that the Marſhal *de Boufflers*, and I don't know who elſe, are to aſſiſt at it; but I find there are ſome People among us, who are for eaſier Terms, than the Queen and Parliament have propos'd, *viz.* for new Partitions, and are mightily afraid we ſhould pull down the Houſe of *Bourbon* too low, and ſet up the Houſe of *Auſtria* too high; would inſinuate the Danger of *German* Tyranny, and that others, as well as the *French* King, ſhould be oblig'd to give up their Conqueſts. Pray let me have your Opinion of thoſe Things, Maſter; for they ſtartle me. My Country Capacity is not able to fathom or comprehend this odd Conduct.

Obſ. I am as much againſt Tyranny of all Sorts, and in any Country or Perſon, as they can be, *Roger*; but I think theſe Suggeſtions are very ill-tim'd, ill-grounded, and have their Share of ill Manners, as being inconſiſtent with that Reſpect which is due to our chief Allie, the Emperor, who is not to anſwer for the Faults of his Predeceſſors, except he tread their Steps; which Malice it ſelf cannot ſay, either he or his Father have done, with Reſpect to the common Intereſt of *Europe*. No Body can deny this, who conſider, that how much ſoever the late Emperor was influenc'd by the Jeſuits, yet he faithfully adher'd to us in the happy Revolution, and made no Scruple to own King *William*, and to enter into an Alliance with him, to the dethroning of a Prince of his own Religion, and to the viſible Detriment of the Church of *Rome*. I know it will be objected, that he was mov'd to it by his own Intereſt, which is true; but then it muſt be own'd, that his Intereſt got the Aſcendant over the Bigotry of the Jeſuits, as it did on another important Occaſion, when he made the Duke of *Hannover* an Elector, which is more than can be ſaid of *Lewis* the XIV. for all his celebrated Policy, ſince he diſpeopl'd his Country, and made all Proteſtant Princes and States his Enemies, by his barbarous and impolitick Perſecution; ſo that furious Bigotry may juſtly be ſaid now to have taken her Flight to the Court of *France*, as her laſt Retreat. I know the Perſecution of *Hungary*, which begun the War there, will be objected againſt the Houſe of *Auſtria*, and juſtly enough; but whatever Influence Bigotry had in that Matter at firſt, we find, by all Accounts now, that *French* Money and Promiſes, and the particular Views of their Leaders, has continu'd that War more than Senſe of Religion or Liberty on the Part of the Malecontents; and that Sovereignty, and the civil Intereſt of his Family, as well as Zeal for Popery, have a Share in continuing it on the Emperor's Part; ſo that upon the whole, we have no ſuch Cauſe to fear the Bigotry of the Houſe of *Auſtria* now, as that of the Houſe of *Bourbon*, and how bloody ſoever ſome *Auſtrian* Princes have been by the Incitement of their high-flown Clergy, there's no ſuch Inſtance as that of the Maſſacre of *Paris*, and other Places in *France*, to be charg'd on the Houſe of *Auſtria*, tho' we take in all that was done by *Charles* the V. *Ferdinand* the II. *Philip* the II. and the Duke of *Alva*.

Country-m. You have ſaid enough to prove, that the Houſe of *Bourbon* is now more addicted to Bigotry than that of *Auſtria*, and we all know is guilty of greater Ingratitude too, ſince the *French* King values himſelf upon it, as the moſt glorious Performance of his Reign, that he has routed the Proteſtants out of his Kingdom, who he own'd to the late Elector of *Brandenburgh* and others, by his Letters, had kept the Crown on his Head.

Obſ. As I have plainly prov'd, that we are in more Danger from the Bigotry of *France*, than that of *Germany*, 'tis as eaſy to prove we are more in Danger from the *French* than the *German* Tyranny, as thoſe Gentlemen are pleas'd to expreſs it; for, if we conſider the Emperor's Conduct in his *Auſtrian* Dominions, we find he does not raiſe Money there without calling his States; whereas the *French* K. taxes his Subjects at Pleaſure; and as he is Emperor, every Body knows he is elective, and that the *German* Conſtitution is as ſtrong, if not ſtronger againſt the Tyranny of their Emperors, as that of any limited Monarchy or Republick in *Europe*. No Body, who has the *German* Hiſtorians and Politicians, or knows read the Power of the Dyet of the Empire, will deny this; and tho' *Ferdinand* the II. broke through all thoſe Boundaries, we know the Iſſue was like to have prov'd fatal to his Family; and that the Power of his Succeſſor is ſo limited by the Treaty of *Weſtphalia*, as it will not be eaſy for any of them to bring the *German* Nation under a Yoke of Tyranny. The Power of the Proteſtant Princes and States, and the Neighbourhood of the *Dutch*, is a ſufficient Barrier againſt all Attempts of that Nature; ſo that to talk of our Danger from *German* Tyranny at this Time of Day, has a Complication of ſuch unaccountable Ideas in it, as are not eaſy to be underſtood.

Country-m. Pray, Maſter, what are the Conqueſts which thoſe People would have the Emperor to diſgorge?

Obſ. He muſt be wiſer than I, that can tell, *Roger*: I don't know one Foot of Ground he has conquer'd for himſelf all this War. His Conqueſts in *Italy* are Fiefs of the Empire, and can't be diſpoſs'd of without their Conſent. *Naples* is not conquer'd to him, but to the Crown of *Spain* and his Brother King *Charles*, who I think is not like to be in a Condition very ſpeedily, as Things have been hitherto manag'd, to recover his own Right, and much leſs to make any Incroachments on his Neighbours. The Conqueſts made of part of the *Netherlands*, are alſo for him, and not for the Emperor, and are ſo far from giving us any juſt Cauſe to apprehend *German* Tyranny, that they have always been eſteem'd an effectual Barrier, while in the Hands of *Spain*, to *Great Britain*, the Empire, and the *Dutch*, againſt *French* Tyranny, and therefore are fitteſt to be left to the *Spaniſh* Branch of the *Auſtrian* Family, which is leſs capable of making an ill Uſe of them.

Country-m. All this makes it very unaccountable, Maſter, that any Body ſhould now endeavour to ſuggeſt our being in Danger of *Auſtrian* or *German* Tyranny. I can compare it to nothing but ſuch a fooliſh Piece of Conduct, as it would be in a Shepherd to raiſe his Neighbours to purſue a diſabled Wolf, that had retir'd to his Den, while

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another that was more vigorous, had actually invaded his Sheep-coats.

Obſ. Your Compariſon is not amiſs, *Roger*, only it comes much ſhort of the preſent Caſe; for the Houſe of *Auſtria* are our faithful and potent Allies, and join with us in hunting down the *French* Wolf, but ſo far your Compariſon holds, that the Houſe of *Bourbon* is much ſtronger than the Houſe of *Auſtria*; their Dominions of *France* and *Spain* lie contiguous; they are Maſters of a great Naval Power, which the Houſe of *Auſtria* has not; they have ſeiz'd and ruin'd ſeveral of our Plantations in the *Weſt-Indies*, are Maſters of all the Mines and Bullion in *America*; whereas the Houſe of *Auſtria* is uncapable to annoy us there, tho' the *Spaniſh* Branch were in full Poſſeſſion of all their Dominions; nor does the Houſe of *Auſtria* get the Value of a Farthing from thence; yet the laſt Mail brings an Account of a vaſt Treaſure lately brought from the *Weſt-Indies* to *France*. Beſides, *Roger*, the Houſe of *Bourbon* have eſpous'd the Intereſt of the *St. Germains* Family, have actually ſent the Pretender once to invade us already, and threaten to do ſo again; and if that Family ſhould fail, they have the Pretenſions of the Dutcheſs of *Burgundy*, and the Dutcheſs of *Anjou*, and of their Poſterity, to make Uſe of againſt us, for which they can eaſily adjuſt Matters with the Prince of *Piedmont*; or if the two Dutcheſſes and their Iſſue ſhould fail, they know how to be compenſated for what Aſſiſtance they ſhall give to that Prince or his Poſterity: *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and our *American* Colonies, will be a very good Exchange for *Savoy* and *Piedmont*, if ever they come to be laid in the Ballance; whereas the Houſe of *Auſtria* has no Popiſh Pretenders to eſpouſe againſt us, but is engag'd in Intereſt to ſupport the *Hannover* Succeſſion, and if that fail, the Branch of *Pruſſia*. So that upon all Accounts, this Tenderneſs for the Houſe of *Bourbon*, and Jealouſy rais'd againſt the Houſe of *Auſtria*, ſeems very ill-tim'd, as well as ill-founded; for when *France* is reduc'd to her ancient Limits, ſhe ſtill remains the moſt formidable Power of *Europe*, in the Poſſeſſion of one Family, eſpecially if they be left with their preſent abſolute Power; and let who will ſay the contrary, 'till I ſee ſolid Arguments againſt what I have ſaid formerly and at preſent on that Head, of our Danger from patching up a Peace with *France*, 'till the abſolute Power of their Monarchs be reduc'd, I cannot think, that either the Continent or this Iſland can be ſafe.

Country-m. I am fully of your Opinion, Maſter, and therefore think the Houſe of *Auſtria* is very ill treated in this Matter, as ſhe has been in ſeveral other Reſpects. But here's a Health to the Duke of *Marlborough* and Prince *Eugene*, Maſter, and to their good Succeſs in pulling down the *French* Tyrant, and Tyranny of all ſorts.

Obſ. With all my Heart, *Roger*; but why do you forget the Elector of *Hannover?* He is a Confederate General too, and conſidering how nearly related he ſtands to us, both in Blood and Title, I think he ought to have had the Preference.

Country-m. Agreed, Maſter, I'll name the Health over again; the Queen ſhall be firſt, and he ſecond; for, ſince we are oblig'd by the Government to pray for that Family, as the preſumptive Succeſſors to our Crowns, I think we ought to give him the Preference next to her Majeſty, however he be neglected by others. God ſend him good Succeſs on the *Upper Rhine*.

Obſ. Amen, *Roger*.

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